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Preliminary report of occurrence of epidemic dysentery in Japan during the year 1897.

Locality.	Dysentery.		Locality.	Dysentery.	
	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	832	211	Nagano Ken.....	5,316	1,234
Osaka Fu.....	1,141	181	Nagasaki Ken.....	569	105
Tokyo Fu.....	7,029	1,248	Nara Ken.....	148	44
Aichi Ken.....	2,588	574	Niigata Ken.....	7,580	1,794
Akita Ken.....	73	17	Oita Ken.....	587	144
Awomori Ken.....	1,490	248	Okayama Ken.....	1,522	485
Chiba Ken.....	3,148	847	Okinawa Ken.....	4
Fukui Ken.....	513	210	Saga Ken.....	131	50
Fukuoka Ken.....	926	165	Saitama Ken.....	1,492	1,298
Fukushima Ken.....	534	83	Shidzuoka Ken.....	6,430	1,744
Gifu Ken.....	1,207	333	Shiga Ken.....	496	140
Gumma Ken.....	5,717	1,266	Shimane Ken.....	1,642	517
Hogo Ken.....	670	163	Tochigi Ken.....	1,349	350
Hiroshima Ken.....	1,878	678	Tokushima Ken.....	862	274
Ibaraki Ken.....	1,286	367	Tottori Ken.....	845	206
Ishikawa Ken.....	247	84	Toyama Ken.....	70	32
Iwate Ken.....	1,136	242	Wakayama Ken.....	364	80
Kagawa Ken.....	1,959	655	Yamagata Ken.....	191	56
Kagoshima Ken.....	1,189	242	Yamaguchi Ken.....	1,609	435
Kanagawa Ken.....	6,377	1,365	Yamanashi Ken.....	9,549	2,071
Kochi Ken.....	526	105	Yehime Ken.....	2,017	463
Kumamoto Ken.....	1,349	236	The Hokkaido.....	33	14
Miyagi Ken.....	1,062	286	Taiwan (Formosa).....	(a)
Miyazaki Ken.....	593	93			
Miye Ken.....	770	180	Totals.....	89,846	22,520

a No report.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended February 11, 1898. Estimated population, 1,472. Total deaths, 2. No deaths from contagious diseases.

Governors Harbor.—Two weeks ended February 12, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. One death. No death from contagious disease.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended February 10, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

BERMUDA.—Week ended February 5, 1898. Estimated population, 15,013. One death. No death from contagious disease.

CUBA—*Manzanillo*.—Two weeks ended January 31, 1898. Estimated population, 20,000. Total deaths, 118, including 4 from yellow fever.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended February 5 correspond to an annual rate of 19.2 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Plymouth, viz, 23.7, and the lowest in Bolton, viz, 11.1.

London.—One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 80; scarlet fever, 12; diphtheria, 42; whooping cough, 64; enteric fever, 8, and diarrhea and dysentery, 17. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 21.5 a thousand. In greater London 2,361 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 19.2 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 15 from diphtheria, 8 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever, and 17 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended February 5 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 26.3 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Clonmel, viz, 4.9, and the highest in Carrickfergus, viz, 46.7 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 220 deaths were registered, including enteric fever, 7; scarlet fever, 2, and whooping cough, 3.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended February 5 correspond to an annual rate of 18.0 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 15.0, and the highest in Glasgow, viz, 18.7 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 543, including measles, 8; scarlet fever, 6; diphtheria, 8, and whooping cough, 21.

GUIANA (DUTCH)—*Paramaribo.*—Month of November, 1897. Estimated population, 30,535. Total deaths, 82. Deaths from contagious diseases not reported.

Month of December, 1897. Total deaths, 79. Deaths from contagious diseases not reported.

ST. HELENA.—Four weeks ended January 15, 1898. Estimated population, 3,600. Total deaths, 5. No deaths from contagious diseases.